

Region II Interagency Coordinating Committee
11/21/05 meeting minutes

In attendance: Marlys Albright, Nancy Rubbelke, Wendy Thomas, Kathy Lee, Diana Reiner, Mary Lou Holliday, Melissa Flood, Andrea Spear, Thea Holm, Dianne Maupin, Patty Redding, Dawn Klein, Cheryl Ekblad

In attendance via conference call: Deb Balsdon, Keith Gustafson

Guest Speaker: Dr. Brent Askvig, NDCPD

1. The minutes from last meeting were passed out along with the meeting agenda.
2. Dr. Brent Askvig of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD) was invited to facilitate a discussion about writing a future grant proposal. The RICC asked Dr. Askvig to walk through the initial stages of brainstorming grant ideas and getting them into written form. The RICC has previously discussed the need to provide early literacy/language services to young children who do not qualify for Infant Development services. Dr. Askvig led a one hour discussion outlining a typical grant writing process, framing a grant needs statement, and talking about how the grant would operate. More data is needed to better frame our operational plan. Kathy Lee will be in contact with Keith Gustafson to further this discussion. Brent Askvig has offered to continue to search for possible funding opportunities.
3. Tentative meeting dates for 2006 were proposed. They include February 13th, May 15th, August 21st, and November 20th. A request for the Polycom system will be made to Bismarck to reserve these dates. All meetings would be from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
4. Discussion was held regarding the *Parent Leadership Institute* being held at Spirit Lake January 21 & 22nd, 2006. Mary Lou Holliday, Dawn Klein, and Patty Redding have indicated a possible interest in attending.
5. Kathy Lee announced a new program in the Minot community called *Reach Out and Read*. This program involves doctors by providing them: 1) training about the importance of reading to children, 2) developmentally appropriate books to pass along to families during well baby checkups, and 3) volunteers to read to kids in the waiting rooms before their doctor's appointment. Deb has asked Kathy to think about presenting this information at the June 2006 Family Connections Conference.
6. An update was given regarding the Project Kaylyn grant. A Hearing Summit was held October 24th, 2005 in Minot to discuss newborn hearing screenings and related follow-up. The summit was attended by a number of various disciplines representing hospitals, clinics, DHS, Right Track, Children's Special Health Care, ND School for the Deaf, and parents of a child with hearing loss. Deb reported that MOA's are still needed and plans are to meet the first of January to have them in place.
7. Right Track reports were given for July 1 – September 30th. In Ward county, 81 children screened and there were 23 new referrals. There were 3 children referred from RT to DDCM. Referral sources in Ward county included parents (5), hospital (3), Children's Special Health Services (6), MSU (4), WIC (2), RT (2), and First District Health Unit (1). In Peace Garden Consortium, there were 78 children screened and there were 21 new referrals. There were 2 children referred from RT to DDCM and 2 children referred to preschool screening from RT. Referral sources in PGC included parents (4), hospital (1), Children's Special Health Services (5), Social Worker (1), Country Cousins (1), Friends (4), Rugby Head Start (2), Relatives (1),

and RT consultant (2). Discussion was held regarding zero referrals from CAPTA in both Ward County and PGC. Nancy R will contact county social workers to inquire about this.

8. Region II currently has no State ICC representative. Dawn Klein has indicated an interest in serving on this committee. Wendy Thomas will forward Deb her contact information.
9. The family assessment used by MIDP was passed out to committee members to gather input into the form. Parents and professionals agreed that this form would be good to collect family's concerns, resources, and priorities. Dawn Klein reminded us that the approach in which we gather the information and talking with families about the reasons behind gathering the information would be helpful. Mary Lou also asked if families thought that sending out the form ahead of time would be beneficial. All agreed. Deb mentioned that she has some additions to the form in the area of gathering family routines information.

Submitted by Wendy Thomas